

SITUATION REPORT NO. 20
INCIDENT NO. 95-04 (FEMA-1050-DR-ND)
DATE: July 6, 1995 TIME: 3:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58504

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: 1995 Spring Flood.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous report.
3. DAMAGE: The level of Devils Lake on July 6 is 1435.64 feet msl.

Severe storms struck in the state from July 1 to July 5, 1995. The area affected most by heavy rainfall was in southern North Dakota from Western Morton/Grant/Sioux counties eastward to the Red River.

Emmons County officials reported up to eight inches of rainfall in the northern part of the county. North of Strasburg a tornado threw an occupied pickup and stock trailer into a rock pile and damaged farm buildings. No injuries occurred. Gravel wash and washouts on roads occurred as a result of flash flooding.

Officials in Richland County reported up to five and one half inches of rainfall, causing sheet flooding and gravel wash on roads.

Morton County officials reported up to five inches of rain in the Flasher area. Flash flooding washed a car off a road and caused gravel wash on roads.

Due to the severe weather, a building at the Leonard Airport in Cass County was destroyed.

In McIntosh County, Ashley had three inches of rainfall on Monday, July 3, 1995, causing basement flooding.

Sioux County officials reported marble size hail and heavy rain during this period.

In several areas farmsteads were reported flooded and facilities damaged as a result of the severe weather. Significant crop damage from rain and hail has also been reported by USDA officials from Emmons, Ransom and Sargent counties as a result of early July storms.

RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: Local responders in the affected area monitored weather conditions and responded to flooding and wind damage incidents.

STATE: Emergency Management personnel completed surveys of damages as well as situation assessments in the impacted areas.

State Radio Communications disseminated warnings to the affected areas.

FEDERAL: The National Weather Service personnel issued severe weather warnings and information.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: Weather Spotters throughout impacted areas of North Dakota were activated to monitor the storms and provide information for relay to the public..

MAJOR ACTIONS: The incident period for FEMA-1050-DR-ND has been closed as of July 5, 1995.

Consolidated Farm Services has reported that counties that have received 140% of normal rainfall or less than 40% of normal rainfall and have experienced a 40% loss in hay or pasture production may be eligible for haying and grazing of CRP. Griggs, Nelson, and Ramsey Counties have been approved for haying of CRP after July 15. Immediate grazing of CRP lands in these counties has been granted.

The National Weather Service and local officials are monitoring river levels.

As of July 6, 1995, 176 applicants have submitted a Notice of Interest to FEMA. Nineteen federal/state inspection teams are in the field inspecting damage sites and completing Disaster Survey Reports (DSR's). Eighty-eight DSR's have been sent to the Regional Processing Center (RPC) in Denver for processing.

Damage site inspections have been completed in Bottineau, Burleigh, Eddy, Foster, LaMoure, Pembina, Steele, Towner, Walsh, and Wells counties. The inspection teams are working in Barnes, Benson, Cavalier, Dickey, Griggs, Kidder, Logan, McHenry, McLean, Nelson, Pierce, Ramsey, Ransom, Rolette, Stutsman, and the Devils Lake Sioux Indian Reservation.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: Beginning Tuesday, July 11, ND DEM will provide its weekly situation report as of Tuesday rather than Friday.

The Missouri River at Williston was at 21.1 feet and slowly falling. National Weather Service officials expect the Missouri River to stay above flood stage through mid-July.

Signed _____
Douglas C. Friez
State Director